

As you undoubtedly already know, the United States

Congress has already passed all of the legislation of working side by side with men and women of the most excellent ability who have their all throughout the past few years in order to ensure the economic welfare of the country.

My present task is nearing completion. Some of you may already know, I will be going on to take up a new challenge, this time in the private sector, as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Montreal. It goes without saying that I look forward to my new responsibilities in Montreal.

I leave a better man for the experience I have been so fortunate to have had, and am confident that there will be others after me to take up where I have left off. Individuals who will spare no effort to ensure that implementation of the negotiations produces lasting results for the benefit of Canada as a whole.